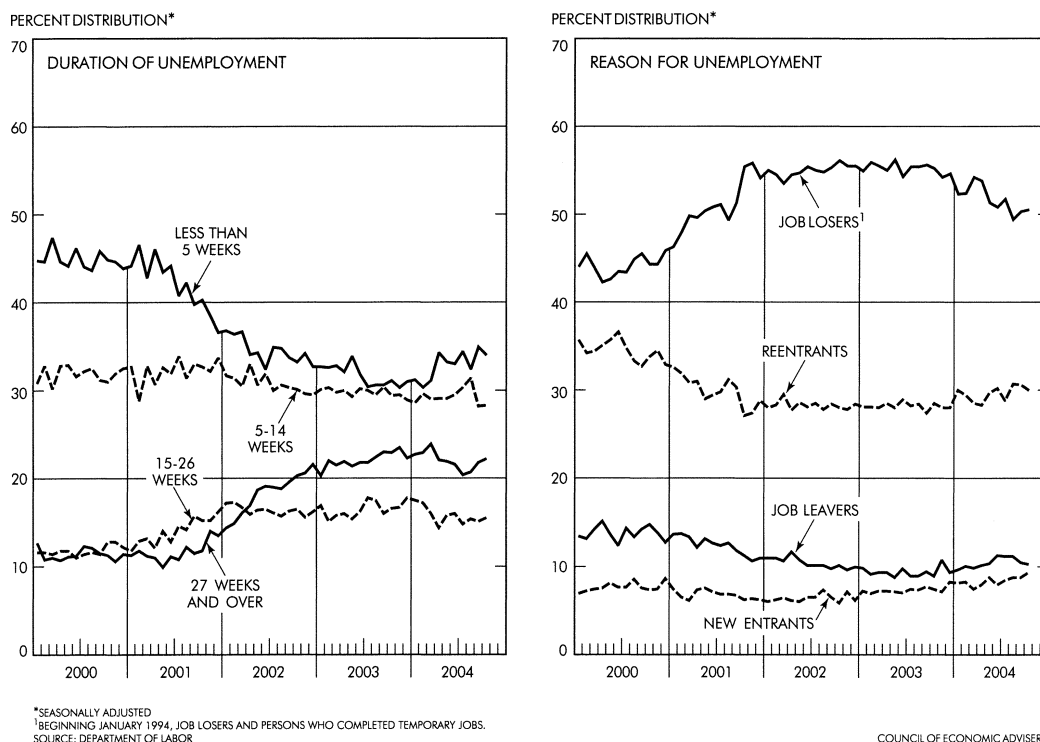


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In October, the percentage of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks, for 15–26 weeks, and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment was unchanged at 19.6 weeks; the median duration was also unchanged, at 9.5 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

| Period | Un-employment (thou- sands) | Duration of unemployment | | | | | | Reason for unemployment: percent distribution | | | | State programs | | Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjust- ed) ² |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------|--|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | | Percent distribution | | | | Number of weeks | | Job los- ers ¹ | Job leav- ers | Reen- trants | New en- trants | Insured unem- plov- ment | Initial claims | |
| | | Less than 5 weeks | 5-14 weeks | 15-26 weeks | 27 weeks and over | Aver- age (mean) | Median | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1994 ³ | 7,996 | 34.1 | 30.1 | 15.5 | 20.3 | 18.8 | 9.2 | 47.7 | 9.9 | 34.8 | 7.6 | 2,670 | 340 | 2,739 |
| 1995 | 7,404 | 36.5 | 31.6 | 14.6 | 17.3 | 16.6 | 8.3 | 46.9 | 11.1 | 34.1 | 7.8 | 2,572 | 357 | 2,633 |
| 1996 | 7,236 | 36.4 | 31.6 | 14.6 | 17.4 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 46.6 | 10.7 | 34.7 | 8.0 | 2,595 | 356 | 2,650 |
| 1997 | 6,739 | 37.7 | 31.7 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 8.0 | 45.1 | 11.8 | 34.7 | 8.4 | 2,323 | 323 | 2,366 |
| 1998 | 6,210 | 42.2 | 31.4 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 6.7 | 45.5 | 11.8 | 34.3 | 8.4 | 2,222 | 321 | 2,257 |
| 1999 | 5,880 | 43.7 | 31.2 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 13.4 | 6.4 | 44.6 | 13.3 | 34.1 | 8.0 | 2,188 | 298 | 2,219 |
| 2000 | 5,692 | 44.9 | 31.9 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 12.6 | 5.9 | 44.2 | 13.7 | 34.5 | 7.6 | 2,110 | 301 | 2,141 |
| 2001 | 6,801 | 42.0 | 32.3 | 14.0 | 11.8 | 13.1 | 6.8 | 51.1 | 12.3 | 29.9 | 6.8 | 2,974 | 404 | 3,007 |
| 2002 | 8,378 | 34.5 | 30.8 | 16.3 | 18.3 | 16.6 | 9.1 | 55.0 | 10.3 | 28.3 | 6.4 | 3,585 | 407 | 3,619 |
| 2003 | 8,774 | 31.7 | 29.8 | 16.4 | 22.1 | 19.2 | 10.1 | 55.1 | 9.3 | 28.2 | 7.3 | 3,533 | 402 | 3,571 |
| 2003: Oct | 8,797 | 31.1 | 29.4 | 16.6 | 22.9 | 19.4 | 10.3 | 55.2 | 8.9 | 28.5 | 7.4 | 3,491 | 383 | 2,799 |
| Nov | 8,653 | 30.3 | 29.5 | 16.7 | 23.5 | 20.0 | 10.4 | 54.2 | 10.7 | 28.0 | 7.1 | 3,379 | 369 | 3,203 |
| Dec | 8,398 | 31.0 | 28.9 | 17.8 | 22.3 | 19.6 | 10.4 | 54.6 | 9.3 | 28.0 | 8.2 | 3,289 | 362 | 3,544 |
| 2004: Jan | 8,297 | 31.2 | 28.6 | 17.5 | 22.7 | 19.8 | 10.7 | 52.3 | 9.6 | 30.0 | 8.1 | 3,172 | 356 | 3,703 |
| Feb | 8,170 | 30.3 | 29.6 | 17.2 | 22.9 | 20.3 | 10.3 | 52.4 | 10.0 | 29.4 | 8.2 | 3,139 | 356 | 3,976 |
| Mar | 8,352 | 31.1 | 29.0 | 16.0 | 23.9 | 20.1 | 10.3 | 54.2 | 9.8 | 28.5 | 7.4 | 3,028 | 339 | 3,571 |
| Apr | 8,164 | 34.3 | 29.1 | 14.4 | 22.1 | 19.7 | 9.5 | 53.8 | 10.1 | 28.3 | 7.9 | 2,970 | 342 | 2,971 |
| May | 8,203 | 33.2 | 29.1 | 15.8 | 21.9 | 20.0 | 10.0 | 51.3 | 10.3 | 29.7 | 8.7 | 2,928 | 342 | 2,844 |
| June | 8,248 | 33.0 | 29.5 | 16.0 | 21.6 | 19.9 | 10.8 | 50.8 | 11.2 | 30.2 | 7.9 | 2,921 | 341 | 2,869 |
| July | 8,196 | 34.4 | 30.3 | 14.8 | 20.4 | 18.6 | 8.9 | 51.7 | 11.1 | 28.8 | 8.4 | 2,888 | 340 | 2,724 |
| Aug | 8,022 | 32.4 | 31.4 | 15.4 | 20.7 | 19.0 | 9.4 | 49.4 | 11.1 | 30.7 | 8.7 | 2,884 | 340 | 2,915 |
| Sept | 8,003 | 34.9 | 28.2 | 15.1 | 21.8 | 19.6 | 9.5 | 50.3 | 10.4 | 30.6 | 8.7 | 2,856 | 345 | 2,402 |
| Oct | 8,072 | 34.0 | 28.3 | 15.5 | 22.2 | 19.6 | 9.5 | 50.5 | 10.2 | 30.0 | 9.3 | | 342 | |

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

³ See footnote 2, p. 11.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).